

## JOHN ANDERSEN'S TRIAL

## THIS TRAGEDY ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE RECORDED

The Defendant on Trial for Killing the Mate of the Olive Pecker—Also Indicted for Killing the Captain and Burning the Vessel—Graphic Accounts of the Double Murder and Ship-Burning by Eye Witnesses of the Crimes and Shipmates of the Defendant.

Norfolk, December 20.—All preliminaries having been cleared away, rapid progress was made today in the case of John Andersen, now on trial in the federal court upon the specific charge of murdering Mate William Saunders, of the schooner Olive Pecker, on August 6th last while that vessel was on the high seas. The case may be finished tomorrow, though Andersen has yet to be tried under the indictments for murdering Captain Whitman and burning the schooner.

A number of minor witnesses were heard upon the identification of the vessel and her cargo and Martin Barstad, the Norwegian, was called to the stand as the first eye-witness to the terrible tragedy which will go down as one of the most dramatic and remarkable of modern times.

Barstad testified that he was at the wheel during the whole affair. He saw Andersen throw water on the captain's dog in the morning about 8 o'clock on August 6th, then heard the captain curse him, after which followed a noise as of some one falling, and he supposed the captain had struck Andersen, who came up and asked the mate to protect him, and the mate said: "Go to h—l; you've got to die anyway." Shortly after this Andersen came out of the captain's cabin and called the mate down out of the rigging, and shot him four times. He summoned all hands on board and made them throw the body overboard. Then he made them go down into the cabin and get the body of the captain and throw that overboard, after which he took the crew down into the captain's cabin and gave them some whiskey. The crew were forced to get into the small boat and go to shore. The trip thither, and subsequent events were narrated very much as heretofore published.

Barstad said that when they had thrown the bodies overboard and Andersen said they were all guilty because they had helped dispose of the bodies. He compelled the crew at the point of pistols to gather up their effects and put them into a boat; then he made them pour oil over the vessel and set it on fire, after which all hands left the schooner in the boat.

John Lind was then called to the stand. He testified that he was a Swede and had shipped as a common sailor on board the schooner Olive Pecker. He told essentially the same story as Barstad, except that he did not see Andersen shoot the mate, Andersen came up to him and told him that he had killed the captain and the mate had to go too. The witness then went and called the watch to come up, and while he was doing this, he heard three or four shots on the other side of the vessel. He helped throw the bodies overboard and Andersen cursed the dead body of the mate. He could not state what language he used. Speaking of the whiskey, Andersen gave the crew. Lind said it was only a half bottle and no one was drunk; the captain and mate were dead when thrown overboard. Andersen fired three shots when the small boat left the burning schooner, though why he did it, the witness could not say. Lind told how the crew drew lots to see who should go together, and his lot fell with that of Andersen. He said Andersen shot the dog which came ashore in the boat and on the way to Belmont he sold the captain's watch.

Upon cross examination, Lind said he had heard Andersen prior to the killing ask the mate to protect him from the captain and had heard the mate tell Andersen: "Go to h—l; you will be killed anyway." Andersen said that morning had thrown water on the captain's dog. The captain cursed him in the worst language he ever heard and then "made for him," after which Lind heard a noise as of some one falling, and presently Andersen came out of the galley and asked the mate to protect him.

Andrew March, "the big fellow," the next witness, testified that he was 36 years of age, born at sea, of Spanish parentage, and hailed from New Foundland. March did not see the shooting of the mate, but heard Andersen say he had killed him. The witness was in his bunk at the time, heard Andersen call the mate down from aloft. He heard the conversation between Andersen and the mate and heard four shots, after which Andersen said: "Come out here, boys, and lower the boat and put me ashore, the captain and mate are dead and I am in charge of the ship." The witness said Andersen cursed the dead body of the mate when it was thrown overboard.

On cross examination, March proved a hard nut to crack and his testimony could not be shaken. Juan de Dios Barrial, the Spaniard, did not see the shooting, but heard shots. His story tallied in all essentials with that of his mates. Referring to his conversation with Andersen after the tragedy, Barrial said Andersen took him aside and told him he (Andersen) was a murderer, but had killed the captain and mate to save their (the crew's) lives, and before they left the vessel they would all be just as guilty as he (Andersen). Barrial said he urged the cook not to burn the schooner.

William Horsburg, the Scotsman, was the last witness examined. His story did not differ materially from the others. Court adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by cough had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds, and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

## No German Diversion Against Hawaii

Washington, December 20.—The assertion that the German fleet under Prince Henry will go to Samoa and Hawaii, thus creating a menacing situation for the United States, is ridiculed in all official circles here. When the reports were called to the attention of the German representatives they laughed heartily at the idea of a German diversion against Samoa and Hawaii.

## CERTIFICATES OF STOCK

Issued to the State for its Interest in the North Carolina Railroad—The State's Profits from the Stock Put into the Sinking Fund—Petition for Commutation of a Death Sentence

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 20.—The directors of the North Carolina railway have issued to the state certificates for its \$3,000,000 of stock in that line. Two million is for its appropriation made in 1847 and \$1,000,000 for that in 1855. Treasurer Worth says no certificates were ever issued to the state for this stock, though the decision in the Swazey suit demanded that the treasurer should have such certificates. Ex-State Treasurer Kemp P. Battle was here today and said he had never seen any certificates. The law requires that any surplus of rental of this road after paying the dividend shall be invested in 4 per cent. state bonds. The treasurer says he has \$125,000 in bonds. This is to be applied to the sinking fund for the North Carolina railway 6 per cent. construction bonds.

John A. Hendricks, of Madison county, is here with many petitions for commutation of the death sentence of the youth named Pate who in Yancey county, while drunk, murdered a young companion. The supreme court recently affirmed the sentence of the lower court in this case.

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## Death of John A. McDonald

(Special to The Messenger.)  
Raleigh, N. C., December 20.—John A. McDonald, for years a resident of Raleigh, died today at Asheville. He was a native of Chatham county and represented it in the legislature. He was for four years janitor of the government building here.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Rutherford, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

## Money Stolen from a Steamer

New York, December 20.—The reported robbery of some \$3,000 in Mexican money from the steamer City of Washington during her last trip from Vera Cruz to this port was confirmed today. The City of Washington belongs to the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company.

A. G. Smith, secretary of the company, said today:

"The City of Washington reached her pier last Wednesday morning and immediately began discharging her cargo. Among other things there was a consignment of 103 cases of Mexican coin for a firm in London. Each case represented about \$3,000 Mexican money, equal to about \$1,200 in our money and weighed about 200 pounds. It was stored in the strong box, between decks, built for that purpose. After the rest of the cargo had been discharged the door of the room was opened and the cases carried to the pier and piled in tiers, to be re-shipped to London. On counting, it was found that there were only 102 and as the bill called for 103 it was apparent that one had been stolen either before the steamer sailed or since the arrival at this port. A bundle of canvas, in which about \$100 of the coin was placed, was found in the baggage room, and leads us to believe that the robbery was committed during transit and that the bundle was left where it was found to throw suspicion in the wrong direction. The only keys to the strong room were in the hands of Captain Burley and his first mate and as no violence had been used in entering the place, a skeleton key must have been found."

"Captain Burley is one of our most experienced and trustworthy officers. If the matter is not cleared up the company will have to stand the loss."

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy.—R. R. Bellamy.

## McCoy Knocked Out With a Club

New York, December 20.—John (Kid) McCoy, the noted ex-bank-burglar, whose record is known to the police of all countries, was struck on the head with a club, and probably fatally injured, today by John McGinnis, proprietor of a Bowery lodging house. The men quarreled because McCoy said that the reputation of the house was not good and he would not allow his wife to work there. McGinnis threw McCoy down a flight of stairs and then struck him on the head with a heavy club, causing hemorrhage of the brain. McCoy was taken to a hospital and McGinnis arrested.

Lately McCoy has earned a precarious living by selling locks. At one time he took part in a realistic drama called "The Stowaway," in which he and "Spike" Hennessy cracked a safe on the stage. Norman Selby, the Indiana pugilist, is said, after witnessing a performance of "The Stowaway," announced that thereafter he would call himself "Kid" McCoy and he has ever since appeared in the ring under that name.

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## Fire Yet in the Steamer's Hold

London, December 20.—The fire in the after hold of the British steamer Silverdale, from Gelveston, has not yet been extinguished. Water is being poured in through holes in the deck and the hatches have been battened down. Two hundred and twenty-five bales of cotton, damaged by fire or water, were taken out yesterday.

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## NEW ENGLAND WAGE TROUBLE

Conference Between Mill Owners and Operatives—Propositions of the Latter—Pawtucket Mills Closed—Reducing Wages.

Fall River, Mass., December 20.—A conference of representatives of the cotton manufacturers and the employees, on the wage question, was held today. The representatives of the labor unions submitted three reports, and each of the delegates made some comment thereon. The manufacturers decided to take the matter under consideration and will give a written answer tomorrow. These propositions, formulated at the meeting of the representatives of the various labor unions last week are:

It being the general opinion that there will be an improvement during the ensuing year and that the manufacturers will be in a far more prosperous condition than at present, we request the manufacturers to postpone the proposed reduction until the first of March. If there is no improvement at that time we will hold another conference with the view of settling the wage question.

Believing that reducing wages is not a remedy for an overstocked market, we respectfully request the manufacturers to work four days per week until the 1st of March. If there is no improvement at that time we will hold another conference.

If neither of the above propositions is accepted and we cannot settle the questions satisfactorily, we are willing to submit our case to the state board of arbitration to remain as at present until the state board makes its report.

The attitude of the big plant of the Fall River Iron Works Company, which employs about 3,000 operatives and which has been questioned by some, was settled today by the announcement of the owner, M. C. D. Borden, of New York. He announces his willingness to reduce wages to a point 20 per cent. below the present basis if the committee so decides.

Pawtucket, R. I., December 20.—The trouble between the weavers and management of the Royal Weaving Company, which has existed since the reduction in wages was announced to take place, culminated today in the virtual discharge of the weavers because of a refusal to comply with an order from Manager Ott, embodying a request by the company to have several cotton weavers taught the business. The weavers informed the manager that they would go out rather than comply with the order, and they were discharged. The mills will have to close. The reduction of the weavers' wages amounted to 16 per cent.

Suncook, N. H., December 20.—Notices have been posted at the China, Boston miller cotton mill, here announcing a reduction of the wages of the operatives of about 10 per cent. on January 1st. The cut will affect the superintendents and overseers, and in fact, all of the employees of the three corporations, including nearly 1,500 operatives. The monthly payroll amounts to about \$27,000. The three mills are engaged in the manufacture of print cloth. It is probable that the cut down will be accepted.

Manchester, N. H., December 20.—Notices of a 10 per cent. reduction in wages on January 1st have been posted in the Amory, Stark and Jefferson cotton mills in this city. The Amoskeag mills, employing 9,000, posted similar notices last week. The Amory, Stark and Jefferson mills employ 11,000 operatives.

It is easy to catch a cold and just as easy to get rid of it if you commence early to use One Minute Cough Cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. R. R. Bellamy.

## Bad Results of Civil Service in the Pension Bureau

Washington, December 20.—Commissioner of Pensions Evans today appeared before the senate committee on civil service and retrenchment, which is conducting an investigation into the operation of the civil service system. He was questioned at length by Senator Lodge and Pritchard about the civil service system and its application to the pension office force. He expressed the opinion that the law did not accomplish the results its friends insisted it did. The best men in his office were those who had come in under the so-called "spoils system." They did their duty and expected to hold their positions by so doing. The pension examining boards, he said, ought not to be in the classified service, as it is not desirable to have members of such boards who had wide surgical experience—army experience if possible—and such men would not enter into competition for the places with young men just out of college. He thought, however, that the entire system of appointing the boards was wrong and that all of them ought to be under a uniform system of appointment. The commission believed that the head of a bureau was the best qualified person to pass upon the efficiency of a clerk and that he ought not to be hampered in removing a clerk for inefficiency. If permitted to do so he could remove at least 100 clerks from his office without affecting the efficiency of the force. He thought it would be desirable to have a definite tenure of office not exceeding ten years so that every year about 10 per cent. of new blood could be infused into the force.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

## AFTER THE FILIBUSTERS

Vessels Suspected of Loading Cuban Supplies at Pensacola—The Montgomery Ready for Action—Her Boats Patrolling the Harbor

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Pensacola, Fla., December 18.—There was considerable activity on board the United States cruiser Montgomery on yesterday, owing to information having reached her commander to the effect that several suspected filibusters were in the harbor. Consequently the cruiser started officers and made preparations for getting under way, if necessary, at a moment's notice. The crew of the cruiser worked in conjunction with the revenue cutter Penrose. Late in the afternoon the Montgomery put a squad of armed men, in charge of an officer, on board of the Penrose, and they will be relieved every four hours until further developments. The Montgomery also fitted out several of her boats with guns, ammunition and armed crews to patrol the harbor, while the Penrose did duty out side, around Warrington. All the boats of the Montgomery have orders to fire two blank charges to bring to any suspected vessel and upon her neglecting to stop, a third shot, this time a loaded shell, is to be fired.

The Somers N. Smith, a pilot boat, a vessel called the Britannia and a schooner are loading here under official supervision. The Smith is said to have run several successful expeditions in the past, having escaped the Montgomery once, and as she came in from sea on Thursday night and has been taking on board all day long a cargo of some description, an unusual proceeding for a pilot, the Montgomery intends to follow her as soon as she gets under way.

The Britannia and the schooner have also been taking a cargo of boxes supposed to be ammunition, etc., on board, and it is reported that the Dauntless is waiting somewhere outside the bar in order to ship the munition at sea. It will thus be seen that a well-organized expedition to Cuba is apparently being equipped here.

"I don't know, there may be others," he said, but I have used "Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup in my family and would not be without it." He knew better than to buy the inferior preparation that was being urged upon him. Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup has no equal. It will immediately relieve any cough or Cold, Whooping Cough, Sore throat, Hoarseness, Croup, Bronchitis and kindred ailments. Contains no injurious ingredients, is pleasant to take and a safe remedy for children. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

## SIX HUNDRED REINDEERS

To be Purchased for Conveying Supplies to Klondyke—Condensed Provisions to be Used—Canada's Permission Sought

Washington, December 20.—Secretary Alger today cabled to William A. Kjellmann, the chief government reindeer herdsman, who is now in Alten, Norway, to inform the war department immediately how soon 600 reindeer can be shipped to this country. These are wanted for use as draft animals in getting supplies to the miners in the Klondyke regions. It is expected that they must be transferred to New York to the railroads and in that manner carried across the continent and again by sea from the Pacific coast up to Dyea or such other point as may be selected as the base of operations by the relief expeditions. Secretary Alger has determined, after advising with the medical officers of the war department and persons who have had much experience in Arctic regions, to make use of condensed food preparations. Not only will the meats taken be in the concentrated form, but particular efforts are making to secure condensed preparations of vegetables, such as potatoes and onions.

The state department has already asked the British government to request of the Canadian government permission to pass these stores through Canadian territory free of duty. It is not anticipated that any objection will be made to granting the request, and to the accompanying request that will be made for permission for our soldiers to pass over Canadian territory as guards for the expeditions.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. R. R. Bellamy.

## A Patriotic Sent to the Penitentiary

Louisville, Ky., December 20.—A special to The Evening Post from Louisville, Ky., says: Isom Lawson, the 18-year-old boy who murdered his father on Brush creek in this county, was given a life sentence in the penitentiary this morning. According to the evidence the crime was a brutal one and it is probable that no effect will be made to secure a new trial. Lawson killed his parent, who was a minister, by striking him on the head with a hoe, because the father had corrected him for some misdemeanor he had been guilty of.

## Esterhazy to be Court-Martialed

Paris, December 20.—It is understood that the preliminary inquiry into the charges made against Count Ferdinand Esterhazy has resulted in his being committed for trial by court-martial.

## EUROPE AROUSED

## OVER DEVELOPMENTS ON THE CHINESE COAST

British Warship Enters Port Arthur to See if Russian Warships Are There—England and Japan Working in Harmony—Latter's Squadron to Winter at Wei-Hai-Wei—France Ready to Follow Suit in Sending Chinese Ports—Partition of China Coast Predicted

Berlin, December 20.—The Paris correspondent of The Cologne Gazette telegraphs that he learns on reliable authority that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne, a week ago when, in spite of the protests of the Chinese the Daphne entered the inner harbor, allegedly to ascertain whether there were Russian ships there. China complained of the incident to the representatives of the powers at Peking. The British far-eastern squadron is said to be at Tientsin, and, according to the correspondent quoted, is shortly expected at Port Arthur.

The Cologne Gazette regards the occupation as merely a continuance of the co-operation of Germany with Russian in eastern Asia.

London, December 20.—An unconfirmed report is current here that part of the British far-eastern squadron will be stationed at Wei-Hai-Wei this winter. If true, this indicates that Great Britain is working in harmony with Japan. The latter power still occupies Wei-Hai-Wei, pending payment of the Chinese war indemnity.

The evening newspapers are much disturbed over the situation. "What do we get?" is the burden of their complaint and they all insist upon the necessity for immediate action.

The Globe says: "Russia and Germany now have the two most important strategic positions in northern China, and Great Britain, whose commercial interests are ten times greater, must be content with the crumbs from the St. Petersburg and Berlin tables." The Pall Mall Gazette echoes The Standard's inquiry as to America's attitude and says: "Of course the partition of the coast, which is bound to come, will not be confined to Russia and Germany. Every naval state in the world is actively concerned in the disturbance of the equilibrium in the far east. Great Britain, France, and Japan especially. But the United States cannot be treated as a quantity to be ignored. The tame acquiescence with these seizures is not worthy of our past and is fatal to our future. We may remark that we shall not be without sympathizers, as the Japanese will most joyfully back any scheme to redress the bitter humiliation they have suffered at the hand of Russia."

Advices received here from Paris show that France is awaiting Great Britain's action. If Great Britain follows the lead of Russia and Germany and occupies a seaport, France will forthwith follow suit.

The officials of the Chinese embassy here do not conceal the belief that the powers are intending to seize Chinese ports. They disregard the report that Great Britain has been required to assume a protectorate over the Yangtze valley and the West river, saying they have no information on the subject and would know if the rumor was true.

Sir Halliday Macartney, the English secretary of the Chinese embassy, was asked today if Russia's possession of Port Arthur would be temporary and replied that this plea was usually made a pretext for occupation.

St. Petersburg, December 20.—The Novosti declares the occupation of Port Arthur has nothing political behind it, adding: "It must be a matter of indifference to the powers who are not planning seizures of Chinese territory as to which point the Russian squadron chooses for its winter station."

Yokohama, December 20.—Russia has notified Japan of the temporary occupation of Port Arthur and a large Japanese squadron has left Nagasaki. Berlin, December 20.—The rumor is current here that the British East Asiatic squadron has been ordered to sail for Quelpaert island at the entrance of the Yellow sea, presumably to occupy it. The tone of the German press is favorable to some such action on the part of Great Britain.

Quelpaert island, which is sixty miles south of Korea, is forty-five miles long and twelve miles broad. It is subordinate to Korea and has been used as a penal settlement.

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## Zertucha Appointed to Office

Havana, December 20.—Dr. Zertucha who was the physician of the late general Antonio Maceo, has been appointed mayor of Bejucal, this province. Zertucha has belonged in his day to all the political parties in Cuba. At one time he was a hand in the Yucita Abajo, and his record is very creditable. It was quite inexplicable to the friends of General Maceo that he kept the physician on his staff for so long a period, notwithstanding the warnings given him. Maceo used to say that Zertucha's fault was his drinking habit.

At the time the famous Cuban commander was killed, Zertucha was charged with leading him and a party into the fatal ambush.

## Twelve Schooners Wrecked

St. Johns, N. F., December 20.—A terrible gale swept this island yesterday and did immense damage to fishing establishments and vessels at all the coast settlements. Twelve schooners went ashore in Green bay and became total wrecks, and several others were badly damaged in collisions. It is feared that the fleet from Gloucester and the herring fleet now loading in Placentia bay have been seriously buffeted by the storm.

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